VHA Mental Health and Suicide Prevention — **Legislative Impacts and Opportunities**

Promote, protect and restore the well-being of Veterans by proactively connecting them to timely, state-of-the-art mental health care and suicide prevention services.

- Executive Order 13861 National Roadmap To Empower Veterans and End Suicide
- Hannon Act Title 3 Mental Health Programs, Studies, and Guidelines • MISSION Act – Peers in PACTs
- Executive Order 13822 -Supporting Our Veterans During Their Transition From Uniformed Service to Civilian Life
- Hannon Act Title 7 Other Matters PAWS Act

SUSTAINED TREATMENT

- Ketchum Act RANGE 3 Sites
- National Defense Authorization Act
- VA Peer Support Enhancement for Military Sexual Trauma Survivors Act
- Military Sexual Trauma Claims Coordination Act
- Dignity for Military Sexual Trauma Survivors Act
- PACT Act

RAPID ENGAGEMENT

- COMPACT Act 202 Family Education
- Hannon Act Title 6 Women Veterans
- Megabus Act Coordinated Military Sexual Trauma Care
- National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 **Reserve Component**
- Hannon Act Title 1 Transition to VA Services
- Hannon Act Title 2 Suicide Prevention

QUOTS AND INNOVATIONS **CRISIS SUPPORT**

- Answer the Call (Veterans Crisis Line)
- 988 Expansion
- COMPACT Act 201 Emergent Care
- COMPACT Act 204 Comprehensive Assessment
- Support The Resiliency of Our Nation's Great Veterans Act of 2022

VHA ACCESS EXPECTATIONS

- Crisis Access: Immediate access for emergent/urgent mental health needs (i.e., needing immediate care)
- Rapid Engagement Access: Access to quickly initiate non-emergent mental health care (i.e., initiating care at the earliest possible date)
- Sustained Access: Access to provide the timely, full course of mental health treatment (i.e., scheduling weekly follow up for the duration of the treatment protocol)

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SUSTAINED CRISIS ACCESS

- Hannon Act Title 5 Mental Health Workforce
- Clay Hunt Act
- Hannon Act Title 4 Oversight of Mental Health Care
- Cleland-Dole Act

